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1. FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE BY SDAR INFORMATION
MINISTER OULD SALEK SEPT 7, ALGERIAN PRESS PUBLISHED
NAMES OF NEW SDAR CABINET MEMBERS, POLISARIO EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE AND SAHRAOUI NATIONAL PROGRAM AND POLITICAL
MANIFESTO.

2. SDAR GOVERNMENT:

PRIME MINISTER: MOHAMED LAMINE OULD AHMED

INTERIOR: MAHFOUD LAROUSSI

DEFENSE: IBRAHIM GHALI OULD MOSTEFA

JUSTICE: M'HAMED OULD ZIOU (FORMER PRESIDENT OF PROVISIONAL
NATIONAL COUNCIL)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: HAKIM BRAHIM (AKA HAKIM IBRAHIM, HAKIM
ADEL AND BRAHIM DERWISH)

COMMERCE AND PROVISIONING: MOULAY OULD AHMED BABA

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ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS: HAMOUDI OULD AHMED BABA

INFORMATION: MOHAMED SALEM OULD SALEK
HEALTH AND NATIONAL EDUCATION: SALEK OULD BOUBEH

3. POLISARIO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: THIS BODY, ALSO
TERMED COMMAND COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION, MADE UP, ACCORDING
TO FOREIGN PRESS ACCOUNT, OF NINE MEMBERS. FOUR ANNOUNCED
IN ALGERIAN PRESS ARE: SECY GEN MOHAMED ABDELAZIZ
MAHFOUD, ALI BAIBA, OMAR ADNI, AND SDAR DEFENSE MINISTER
IBRAHIM GHALI OULD MOSTEFA. OTHER MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE
NOT NAMED. LIKE SECY GEN, THEY ARE REPORTED TO BELONG
TO POLISARIO'S MILITARY COMMAND.

4. SAHRAOUI NATIONAL COUNCIL: THIS BODY SAID TO HAVE
LEGISLATIVE AND CONSULTATIVE POWERS AND IS MADE UP OF
41 MEMBERS OF WHOM 21 CONSTITUTE A POLITBURO (NOT CLEAR
IF POLITBURO RELATES TO SDAR OR TO POLISARIO).
REMAINING MEMBERS ELECTED BY POPULAR CONGRESSES AT
"WILAYA LEVEL." THERE IS RUMOR ABROAD AT MOMENT THAT
MANY MEMBERS OF PROVISIONAL NATIONAL COUNCIL HAD RALLIED
TO MOROCCAN CAUSE AND THAT PERMANENT BODY THEREFORE
CONTAINS MANY NEW FACES.

5. GENERAL NATIONAL PROGRAM AND POLITICAL MANIFESTO:
THESE TWO DOCUMENTS DRAW INSPIRATION FROM ALGERIAN
SOCIALISM IN GENERAL AND FROM NATIONAL CHARTER IN
PARTICULAR. ACTION PROGRAM REPRODUCED BY FBIS
LONDON (NOTAL, FOUR TAKES BEGINNING 070150Z SEP 76).

6. COMMENT: POLISARIO PROPENSITY FOR JUGGLING NAMES
MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO TELL WHO ON FIRST IN NEW
GOVERNMENT. STALWARTS LAMINE, IBRAHIM AND OULD SALEK
REMAIN IN PLACE IN LAST MENTIONED ELEVATED FROM
SECY GEN TO FULL MINISTER. MAHFOUD LAROUCSI AND
M'HAMED OULD ZIOU ALSO WELL-KNOWN. DEFENSE MINISTER
OULD MOSTEFA APPARENTLY FIGURE OF SOME IMPORTANCE
AS ONLY MAN BOTH IN GOVERNMENT AND ON POLISARIO EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE. AMONG NEW FACES, ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
MINISTER HAMOUDI OULD AHMED BABA SAID TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN
POSITION (HE SUCCEEDED ANOTHER UNKNOWN, MANSOUR OULD
OMAR) FOR SUCCESSFULLY STRINGING 20 KILOMETERS OR SO OF
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WIRE FROM TINDOUF TO SITE OF POLISARIO CONGRESS TO
PROVIDE GATHERING WITH ELECTRICITY. NEW HEALTH AND
COMMERCE MINISTERS (FORMER'S PREDECESSOR KILLED IN
SAHARA) ENTIRELY UNKNOWN TO US.

7. OTHER THAN NOTE THAT SECY GEN IS 31, NO BIO
INFORMATION GIVEN ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

8. TALK OF "WILAYA LEVEL" ELECTIONS, DETAILED POLITICAL ACTION PROGRAMS, AND CABINET RESPONSIBILITIES POINTS UP UNREALITY OF POLISARIO WORLD. HOWEVER, CONGRESS HAD TO DO SOMETHING, AND FOREGOING IS ABOUT WHAT ONE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED.PARKER

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